



RECEIVED

MAY 07 2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Group Art Unit 1641

TECH CENTER 1600/2901

In re

Patent Application of

Thierry Gicquel, et al.

Serial No. 09/554,167

Filed: July 11, 2000

Examiner: K. Padmanabhan

"REACTION VESSELS, A SET OF SUCH
VESSELS, AND AN IMMUNOLOGICAL ASSAY
METHOD AND APPARATUS IMPLEMENTING
SUCH SETS OF VESSELS"

I, P. Brandenburg, hereby certify that this correspondence is
being deposited with the US Postal Service as first class mail
in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for
Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date of my
signature.

P. Brandenburg
Signature

April 30, 2001
Date of Signature

Al
1/28
5/8/01

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2000, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A reaction vessel for automatic apparatus for immunological
assay, the vessel comprising walls in the form of a vessel for receiving a sample to be tested,
a test reagent, and a substrate coupled with a chemiluminescent substance, and also a filling
opening, wherein the walls are proof against any light emitted by the chemiluminescent
substance, apart from a window for reading the intensity of any light emitted by the reaction
mixture formed by the sample to be tested, the reagent, and the substrate, and wherein the
window corresponds to the filling opening of the vessel and wherein the window is
surrounded by a substantially plane zone against which a light-proof shoe is pressed.

Al

A